

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

Please cancel Claims 2 and 10, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) An apparatus for applying a zipper strip to a moving film transversely to the direction of movement of the film, comprising means for producing continuous movement of the film in the said direction, applicator means arranged to receive the zipper strip, to present it to the film at a first location and to move with the film in the said direction to a second location, a zipper-supply means arranged to supply lengths of zipper strip to the applicator means; and sealing means arranged to move together as a unit with the applicator means and zipper-supply means in the said direction from the first to the second location to effect sealing of the zipper strip to the film during the said movement, the applicator means and the sealing means being arranged for reciprocal return movement in a direction opposite to the said direction from the second location to the first location.

Claim 2 – (canceled)

3. (previously presented) An apparatus according to claim [[2]] 1, in which the zipper-supply means comprises means for cutting continuous zipper into lengths for application to the film and means for feeding the continuous zipper to the cutting means.

4. (original) An apparatus according to claim 3, including means for receiving a continuous zipper supply, the supply-receiving means being stationary relative to the zipper-supply means.

5. (previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, in which the applicator means and the sealing means are located at respective opposite sides of the film.

6. (previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, in which the sealing means comprises a heated sealing bar.

7. (previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, in which the applicator means and the sealing means are reciprocally driven by a linear motor.

8. (previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, in which the applicator means is movable towards and away from the film in a direction substantially perpendicular to the said direction.

9. (currently amended) A method of applying a zipper strip to a moving film transversely to the direction of movement of the film, the method comprising moving the film continuously in said direction, supplying lengths of zipper strip to an applicator means from a zipper-supply means; supplying a zipper strip to the film at a first location by [[an]] said applicator means, moving the zipper-supply means, the applicator means and a sealing means together with each other as a unit in the said direction from the first to [[the]] a second location to effect sealing of the zipper strip to the film during the movement from the first to the second location, and

returning the applicator means and sealing means in a direction opposite to the said direction from the second to the first location.

Claim 10 – (canceled)

11. (currently amended) A method according to claim [[10]] 9, in which [[the]] a further zipper strip length is supplied to the applicator means after sealing of the first zipper strip length to the film but prior to arrival of the applicator means, zipper-supply means and sealing means at the second location.

12. (currently amended) A method according to claim [[11]] 9, in which [[the]] a further zipper strip length is supplied to the applicator means during the return movement of the applicator means, zipper-supply means and sealing means to the first location.

13. (previously presented) A method according to claim 9, in which the applicator means is moved at the first location in a direction substantially perpendicular to the said direction of movement of the film, in order to apply the zipper to the film and is moved in the opposite direction after sealing of the zipper strip to the file and prior to its return movement to the first location.

14. (canceled)

15. (canceled)